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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:** Nathan R. Brown

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**For:** METHODS FOR POLISHING  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
STRUCTURES BY DIFFERENTIALLY  
APPLYING PRESSURE TO SUBSTRATES  
THAT CARRY THE SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE STRUCTURES

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This Amendment follows the final Office Action of November 25, 2009, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on February 25, 2010. This Amendment is being submitted within two months of the date on which the final Office Action was mailed.

An amendment to the specification appears on page 2 of this paper;

A listing of claims, in which amendments to the claims are presented, begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 8 of this paper.